

Description of Savior Located

One of the interesting facts about the life of the Savior is that those closest to Him, even the authors of the four gospels, apparently left no record of His personal appearance. In all probability, those disciples were so engrossed with the beauty and depth of His teachings and the divinity of His life that it never occurred to them to write a description of His physical characteristics.

Yet, one cannot help but wonder if perhaps some Roman official stationed in Palestine or some contemporary historian may not have felt impressed to write such a record. If so, might there be an ancient document or manuscript which would contain such a description?

In the great University Library in Cambridge, England, is a specially designed, temperature-controlled room in which is preserved rare, ancient documents and manuscripts. While we were engaged in special research for a book we plan on the antiquity of Christ's gospel we were admitted to the reading room reserved for examination of these ancient manuscripts. Here, as an unexpected bonus, we were privileged to see an extremely rare, old book, which had been in the library vaults for years, which contains descriptions of Jesus.

This old "book" is approximately 8 by

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Photographs of page of
"Classical Dictionary,"
written by Prof. Charles
Anthon, provides
information about
Lentulus, Consul of
Jerusalem in 26 A.D.

10 inches in size and some 4 inches thick. The cover is handmade from leather on which even some of the animal hair is still visible. The pages, or leaves, also are all composed of leather and the entire book is bound together with four leather thongs tied on the back, or on

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The appellation is said
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B.C. 327, and cleared
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Sueton., Vit. Calig.

the "spine" as it is called by bookbinders.

The handwriting on the leaves of Latin, was divided into two columns beautifully executed by a steady, strong hand.

As we paged through this extremely interesting old manuscript from the remote past, our excitement increased as we noted that the back pages of the book were handwritten in English. The pages gave an English translation of the Latin material in the forefront of the book and proved, to our astonishment, to be descriptions of the personal appearance of the Savior, Jesus Christ, purportedly written by contemporaries who actually saw and knew Him!

During that illustrious period of English history when its great ships sailed in mastery of the seas and its armed forces conquered virtually the entire world, great treasures were brought back to this dynamic little island. Fortunately, in many campaigns, literary conquerors were also accompanied by great men of learning. These explorer-scholars, in addition to our great artistic treasures, brought to England a large number of ancient documents and manuscripts which, when translated, provided important links in world history covering significant human events about which much has been known.

These great historical documents came from all over the world; some from the archives in Palestine in Rome, apparently depicting incidents in the life of our Savior.

Although the absolute authenticity of the documents we found in the leather book cannot be positively proven, yet, these descriptions of Jesus, together with a letter purportedly written by Pontius Pilate to the Emperor Nero at the time of Christ's crucifixion, are extremely interesting.

One of these personal descriptions of the handwritten statement claimed to have been recorded by Lentulus, Consul of Jerusalem, in which he described his impressions of Jesus Christ. According



Dr. and Mrs. O. Preston Robinson display "Classical Dictionary," which possibly identifies Lentulus, who purportedly penned a description of Jesus during the time the Savior lived on the earth.